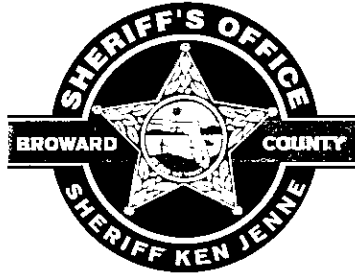


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Colonel Christopher A. Knight
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Dear Colonel Knight:

I am writing to you to commend the outstanding work of one of your finest, Trooper Mike Lanam.

On December 24, 2004, my mother, Nancy Grimm, and her husband, John Bigelow, were driving from their home in Orange City to my home in Davie for Christmas dinner. As they were southbound on Interstate 95 north of Vero Beach, the right rear tire suddenly lost pressure and disintegrated. John was able to pull the vehicle off of the road and onto the shoulder, but the task of changing the tire proved daunting for a couple in their seventies.

Before much time had passed, Trooper Mike Lanam stopped to assist. In short order, he assisted in changing the tire and getting them on their way. Upon arrival in Davie, my mother and her husband relayed the story to me and told me how professional, caring and helpful Trooper Lanam had been.

All too often the good work of law enforcement officers around this state goes unrecognized. Trooper Lanam is a credit to the Florida Highway Patrol and their long tradition of service and professionalism. Please accept this letter of commendation as my personal thank you to Trooper Lanam for a job well done. His professionalism and attention to duty helped get my mother and her husband home safely for the holidays.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Grimm
Chief Michael Grimm
Broward Sheriff's Office
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